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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.

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Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

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THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr DAVID ROBERT FENTON CRAWFORD in our Shanghai Firm, CEASED on 31st March last.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Shanghai, October 10, 1878. no14

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & CO.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878. no13

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr. W. BALL, will conduct and carry on the said Business (in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY) on his own Account from This Date.

W. M. ORUICKSHAW.

Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called

NG HOK MUN is admitted a

Partner in our Firm from the 2nd

February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,

No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878. no14

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Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

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FANCY BLACK and BLUE CASHMERE, MELTONS, &c., for Morning Suits.

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Very Fine FRESH APPLES, for Box or per Dozen.

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THURSDAY EVENING,
October 17th, 1878.

BY GENERAL DESIRE
THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
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Will Repeat
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"THE PRINCESS
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NEW SCENERY AND EFFECTS,
by
SENHOR BAPTISTA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole
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Stalls...TWO DOLLARS,
Pit...ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, October 14, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TENDERS for the REPAIRS of the German Barque *VESTA*, R. Drake, Master, will be Received at the Office of the Undersigned up to 11 a.m. TO-MORROW, the 16th Instant.

Separate Tenders are requested (1) for Carpenter's Work and Decking; (2) for Sail-making and Rigger's Work.

For Particulars apply on Board, or at the Office of the Undersigned, who do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1878.

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TENDERS for the REPAIRS of the German Bark *HAMMONIA*, Capt. WELLER, will be Received at the Office of the Undersigned until TO-MORROW, the 16th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Particulars, apply to Captain on Board, or

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1878.

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NORTH CHINA INSURANCE
COMPANY.

FROM This Date, and during the
Absence of the Undersigned, Mr
REGINALD DIGBY STARKEY is autho-
rized to Act as AGENT for the Company in
Hongkong.

J. KENNARD DAVIS,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 16, 1878.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, at the Godowns of the
P. & O. S. N. Company, on

FRIDAY,

the 18th October, 1878, at Noon.—
A quantity of Ship's STORES, com-
prising Boat Compasses, Ship's Com-
passes, Force Pumps, Sheathing Felt,
Oakum, Hide Wheel, Rope, Blocks, Files,
India Huber Packing, India Rubber
Valves, Candle and Oil Lamps, Pillar
Lamps and Glasses, Gauge Glasses, Nails,
Screws, Sulphur, Muskets with Bayonets,
Boats, Water Bottles, Wine Glasses,
Candle Shades, &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 16, 1878.

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48 tons register, 40 H.P. nominal; Steamer
8 knots. She was originally fitted as a Tug
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for the latter purpose at little expense.

She has proved herself to be an excellent
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with Iron Fastenings. She was thoroughly
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now in first-class order.

For further Particulars, apply to

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Ship Brokers,

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Hongkong, October 16, 1878.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 91.

CHINA SEA.

WENCHOW DISTRICT—WENCHOW HARBOUR.

"Lion Rock" Beacon.

NOTICE is hereby given that a BEACON
has been erected on a small Pinnacle
Rock called "SHI SHI" (Lion Rock),
Submerged 8 feet at H. W. Springs,
situated near the anchorage at Wenchow
about 600 feet S. E. of the East end of the
Island known as the Chiang-Hain-Sea,
which is in the middle of the River oppo-
site the North Wall of the City.

The BEACON consists of a POLE, 15
inches in diameter, painted Black and
White Alternate Bands, on which is fixed
a BALL, 6 feet in diameter, painted Black
with a Horizontal White Band round the
Centre.

The top of the Pole is 24 feet above
H. W. Springs. The Centre of the Ball
is 18 feet above H. W. Springs.

By order of the Inspector General of
Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,

Engineers' Office,

Shanghai, September 20, 1878.

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NOTICE.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 16, Amoy, British steamer, 814, G.

H. Drewes, Shanghai Oct. 12, General—
SIEMSEN & Co.

Oct. 16, Vidal, French barque, 403,

Rondeau, Saigon Sept. 27, Rice.—SIEMSEN
& Co.

Oct. 16, Drumclog, British barque, 976,

H. Wayman, Cardiff May 27, Coal—
MELCHERS & Co.

Oct. 16, Stratmore, British steamer, 15

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White Alternate Bands, on which is fixed
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16, Pringle, British barque, 824,
Pringle, Fremantle Sept. 4, Sandalwood—
SIEMSEN & Co.

NOT Responsible for Debts of Crew—

Hawas, British ship, Captain Chas.

Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NOT Responsible for Debts of Crew—

Chas. F. King.—Messengers Maritimes.

RALPH M. HAWARD, American 3-m.

schooner, Capt. L. B. Doane.—Meyer & Co.

INDIA, American ship, Capt. O. Patten.
Order.

DON QUIXOTE, American ship, Captain

Chas. F. King.—Messengers Maritimes.

RALPH M. HAWARD, American 3-m.

schooner, Capt. L. B. Doane.—Meyer & Co.

STRATHMORE, British steamer, Captain

John Rowell.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

SYRINAWAT, British barque, Capt. Pringle.

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"OLYMPIA"

will leave for the above Port on
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at 10 a.m.

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KWOH ACEKONG,

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prosecution, last year 6 prosecutions against 9 defendants, and up to August this year, 10 prosecutions (all against Chinese.) He was having the law enforced against them because he knew they had not been paying their proper proportion of the stamp revenue: they were doing so now, and the increase was mainly due to that cause. It was the opinion of competent authorities that there were more evasions of the tax in 74-75 than there have been in 76-77. Now as to Postage, the actual receipts last year were \$62,000; for the first nine months of this year we have \$63,000, or actually more for nine months than for the previous twelve. Last November he had said, and every hon. member agreed with him, that the Junk trade was a good test of the prosperity of the Colony. Last year the amount collected under this head was \$10,000, which would give for nine months \$14,000; for the first three quarters of this year, however, we have \$13,000. For the Registration of Cargo Boats they had \$233, which, after \$267 for 1877, which he need hardly remind them would include the whole increase of the year. "Aagh," under Light Dues, he found last year they showed \$14,924, or \$1,000 for nine months; they had for first three quarters this year \$13,000, and would probably obtain altogether not far short of \$18,000 for the year. There was also an item of some importance called interest. At the close of 1876 they had a sum of \$20,000 at the Chartered Banks at 5 per cent.; on 31st March 1877, that sum had increased to \$80,000, at 5 per cent. or \$4000 per annum; on 13th June 1877, it had increased to \$160,000; on Sept. 1877 it had risen to \$20,000; and on Dec. 31 it was \$270,000. There is now at the Banks bearing interest, a sum of \$360,000—a sum not only exceeding but double any similar investment saved from revenue, independent of the gambling fund. These facts, gentlemen, are of interest; and for the public they become of very practical interest if they enabled them to do something in the way of reducing taxation. However, there were two comparatively small items which they could no longer include in the revenue. They had been in the habit of making considerable profits on the subsidiary outlay the sum accruing in 1877 exceeding \$20,000. Well, it was to his mind a nice question how far they ought to make a profit on money they did not coin themselves. They were sent to them by the Imperial Government, and they got them for the convenience of the community. He could not believe it was sound policy to make a profit on coins, and he had said so before he had received a despatch animadverting upon it in strong terms. The result was that they now made no profit, but sold them at the same rate as they were bought. The next item that would no longer figure in the revenue amounted last year to \$7,023; it was for Brothel Licences. On that subject he had received a despatch from H. M.'s Government, stating that a question had been asked in the House of Commons, a copy of which had been sent to him by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach.

The despatch stated that he had the honor to inform him that a question had been asked in the House of Commons as to the revenue derived from houses of ill-fame. It had been alleged that the balance of the fund, now in hand amounted to \$50,000; and although he could scarcely think such could be the case, he wished to have full information on the matter. If, therefore, this point had not already been dealt with by the Commission, he requested that they should be invited to include in their Report a statement of the condition of any fund that had been formed under the 66th Section of the Ordinance, together with any recommendations on the subject that they might think proper to make or obtain the information from the records of the Treasury, and report.]

On receipt of this (continued His Excellency) he at once communicated with the Commission—two of whom were now present—and they lost no time in finding out the facts which Sir M. Hicks-Beach required. Ord. 10 of 1867 was passed in 1868, and from that time up to end of 1877 the Brothel Licenses had amounted to \$74,474, the Lock Hospital fees showed \$949, dues of prostitutes amounted to \$11,362; in all, \$55,616. Adding incomes from similar sources, and then deducting from that sum the cost of the Lock Hospital and salaries of inspectors, he was afraid that, instead of \$50,000, something like \$80,000 or \$90,000 had been received. When he looked back at what had occurred at the time which had rendered it compulsory that a special fund should be formed, and that the fees be not paid into the revenue, he found that there was a strong feeling that it would not be proper to enter such monies into the Brothel fees.

He had indicated the exact state of their finances, had shown how prosperous they were; he had also frankly given them a general idea how to deal with them; and when next November he submitted his scheme to them more in detail, he looked forward confidently to receiving their support.

Mr. RYRE asked if His Excellency, in the estimate of expenditure he had laid before them, had taken the full amounts voted to the various departments. Occasionally, he understood, some of the departments did not spend the amounts voted—the police, for example, and he wished to know whether His Excellency had taken the amounts voted or the amounts expended.

His Excellency said he had only taken the actual expenditure of the nine months. They generally voted a little more than was required. He had not the figures before him, but there were some items which appeared in the estimates of last year, on which he had not permitted any expenditure whatever. There was one item, for instance, which although it was supported by the unofficial members, they thought they entertained some doubt upon it. He referred to the item for the Time Ball and Observatory. They were doubtful whether they ought to grapple with that item this year, and accordingly the Surveyor General had not spent one farthing of that vote.

Mr. RYRE said that in regard to the Police rate etc. being 11 per cent. in 1869, he believed that was during the time of General Bunker, and when he was superseded on the following year the rate was raised to its old level.

Mr. Krawicz said it would be well if the Bill before them, which was short and to the point, were made law, and the larger measure, the Gaol Ordinance, could be considered subsequently with the aid of the documents to which His Excellency had referred.

The ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE said he did not think there need be any great hurry in regard to the Bill before them; a similar circumstance to the one which gave rise to it was not likely to occur just yet.

After a brief amendment, the Bill was

read a second time, considered in Committee, passed, and numbered 2 of 1868. The Council then adjourned sine die.

Police Intelligence.
(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)
15th Oct., 1878.

THE USEFULNESS OF STEAM LAUNCHES.

Law Ahee and two others, describing themselves as fishermen, and Ng Afo a seaman, were charged by Inspector Grimes, with being found in the unlawful possession of 20 bags of white beans. It appears that the constable on patrol in the water-police launch, noticed a sampan pulling from Hongkong towards Mow-kok-sui. He hailed them and got no reply, and they did not stop. The launch then steamed alongside of the sampan, and found the four defendants and 20 bags of beans. The bags had English marks on them. (Marks enumerated.) A remand was applied for in order to give the police an opportunity to find the owners of the beans. Two of the defendants are old offenders. The case was remanded until the 21st instant.

The Bill was read a first time.

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE.

His EXCELLENCE moved the first reading of a Bill to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum not exceeding forty-five thousand dollars to defray charges for the year 1877. All the items had, His Excellency explained, long since passed through the Finance Committee, and had also been voted from time to time by the Council.

The Bill was read a first time.

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE.

His EXCELLENCE said that, in addition to the votes which had been proposed, he had also to ask the consent of the Council to certain other payments in excess of the estimates of 1877 and 1878. Among these items were, an allowance of \$40 to Warden Hayward, of the Gaol, for Chinese Teacher; \$60 compensation to P. C. McDougal, for injuries received in the service; \$34,006 for repair of damages caused by rain storms of May and June; \$140 for gratuities to scavenging contractor and overseers; \$2,343, cost of establishing sub-marine line to Green Island, including \$600 cost of two sets of telephones; \$15, cost of an old junk for torpedo practice; \$1,400 for volunteer drill instructors and contingencies, say at \$200 per month for 7 months; \$350 honorarium to Commandant at \$100 per month from 16th May to 31st August; \$531 for Navy serge for uniforms, and \$581 for making coats and trousers; \$300 for steam launch contingencies; \$300 for two months' salary of Assistant Interpreter (Mr. Hall) at Supreme Court at \$1,800 per annum; \$260 subscription to Bente's political telegrams, twice a week, for three months from the 14th September; and \$360 for hire of two steam launches for Harbour Police service at \$90 per month for two months.

His Excellency, continuing, said he hoped to be able, with the assistance of the Members of the Council in Finance Committee, to lay before them the estimates for this year at an earlier period than last year. A great deal would depend upon the Finance Committee assisting him in the estimates; and they would be informed before November next of any proposals that he had to submit in ample time before the meeting of the Council.

REFRACTORY PRISONERS.

A Bill to amend Ordinance No. 4 of 1863 was then brought forward for second reading. It is preamble stated that doubts had arisen as to whether, under sections 11 and 12 of the Ordinance in question, punishments directed to be inflicted for breach of regulations, or of prison discipline by the Superintendent of the Gaol, or the Superintendent in conjunction with a Justice of the Peace, could be lawfully carried out after the expiration of the term of imprisonment for which the offender was originally sentenced, and it was desirable to remove such doubts; hence this Bill, which enacts that "All punishments imposed under the authority of sections XI and XII of Ordinance No. 4 of 1863, shall be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, notwithstanding the expiration of the period for which the offender was originally sentenced, and it was desirable to make this preliminary financial statement, this sketch of their position; and they would be satisfied to know that in the history of this Colony no Governor had ever been able to put before his Council such evidences of growing, steady and safe prosperity as he had put before them to day. He knew that he had every confidence that they would assist him most cordially next month in dealing with the finances; it would be their duty no doubt to maintain the estimate at a safe figure; and he would throw out the consideration that something like \$900,000 would answer all requirements (hear, hear). If they determined it at that figure, they could then consider the feasibility of reduction of revenue. If they succeeded with the Opium farm and obtained an increase by the spirit farm, they ought at once to reduce taxation. As to what constituted the wealth of the Colony, the Junks did much, but every householder—even the poor Portuguese clerk—contributed; and it was hard that he and other householders should be unfairly taxed, as had hitherto been done. He had indicated the exact state of their finances, had shown how prosperous they were; he had also frankly given them a general idea how to deal with them; and when next November he submitted his scheme to them more in detail, he looked forward confidently to receiving their support.

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His Excellency said he had only taken the actual expenditure of the nine months.

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Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Loudoun Castle*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs. BURRIFIELD & SWIRE, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1878. 0016

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenallock* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, October 11, 1878. 0018

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Emerald*, from Manila, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, October 14, 1878. 0021

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *A V. A.*

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gauge*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Undersigned, before To-day, the 14th Inst., at 8 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Saturday, the 19th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. D. FOUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 14, 1878. 0019

To Let.

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HOUSE No. 7, Caine Road, occupied by The Hon. CECIL SMITH.

House No. 7, Zetland Street, at present occupied by Mr. HUEBERMANN.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, October 7, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, THE BUNGALOW, No. 2, Shallow Street.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses of MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East.

FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or together, as required, with immediate possession.

HOUSE No. 8, Praya East. The whole House or in flats, with immediate possession.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & CO.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, 4/- each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Mails.

NOTICE.

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSELLS;

ALSO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

Insurances.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BOBBOWE, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets \$31,700,000
Surplus \$ 5,600,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars apply to

OLYPHANT & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George the First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation as prepared to grant Insurance as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000, on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

GILMAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, or on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for LIFE Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £100,000 on a Single Life.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

ready at this Office.—Price, 4/- each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commanding at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

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